



PRINCE OF PEACE

Love God. Love People.

August 15 – 16, 2026

Thanksgiving

Psalms 124

MESSAGE: Rory Philstrom

CONTEMPORARY

SATURDAY, 5:30 pm | *Communion*

SUNDAY, 10:30 am

Psalms 8 (Hallé)

House of the Lord

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

So So Good

CLASSIC | SUN, 9:00 am

Joyful Joyful

Bless Be the Tie That Binds

Musical Offering

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

Upcoming Celebration of Life Services:

Jill Hughes – August 18

Josh Van Sant – August 22

Barb Johnson – August 29

Meredythe Hazlett – September 21

PRAYER MINISTERS are available to pray with you after worship on Sundays: in the lounge through the doors at the back of the sanctuary after the 9:00 am indoor service, and by the cross tower after the 10:30 am outdoor service.

If you would like to submit a prayer request at any time, email prayer@popmn.org.

Welcome to Prince of Peace!

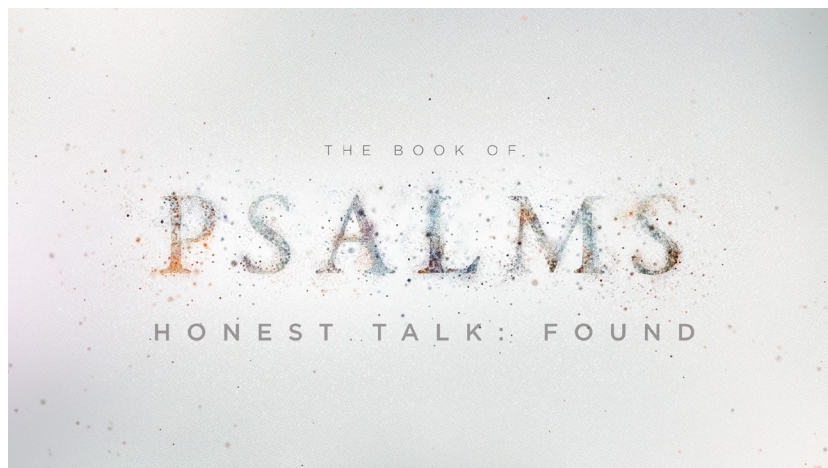
We are an open and affirming community, here to love God and all people.



Connect with Prince of Peace!

Scan here to join our mailing list and find ways to get involved.

Paper copies of this form are available at the Connect Desk.



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Classic: Sun 9:00 am | Contemporary: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10:30 am

Resources, livestreams, playlists and podcast links: popmn.org

Outdoor Worship | Saturdays, 5:30 pm | Sundays, 10:30 am

The 9:00 am service will remain indoors.

SPECIAL WORSHIP! NO SATURDAY SERVICES THESE TWO WEEKENDS

Rally Sunday | September 13

Kick off the fall ministry season with us at Rally Sunday! Want to participate in the Ministry Fair? Sign up at popmn.org/register.

Vision Sunday | September 20

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of our move to this campus and honor the vision and dedication that made it possible. We'll welcome Pastor Merv Thompson as our guest preacher.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Family Ministry 2026-27 Registration

Engage with Family Ministry this programming season! Learn more and register as a participant or volunteer: popmn.org/children OR popmn.org/students

Leadership Launch | August 18 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Current and potential volunteers: join us for a fun evening and learn about servant leadership with St. Andrew's Pastor Mike Carlson. Sign up at popmn.org/register

Beer Church | August 19 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm | Ineffable Brewing

Raise a glass and welcome Eric Elton as this month's keynote!

Golf Benefit | September 20 | 3:00 pm

Golf FORE the kids! Enjoy a day on Birnamwood Golf Course to raise funds for Family Ministry sponsorships. popmn.org/register

Realm Connect | Coming Soon!

Get ready to connect more easily! Realm Connect will be rolled out in September, making it easier to stay informed and engaged. Watch for more details in the coming weeks!

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!



THANKSGIVING

If It Hadn't Been for the Lord

"If it had not been the Lord who was on our side- let Israel now say- If it had not been the Lord who was on our side..."

It's a strange way to open a psalm: with a disaster that didn't happen. Most of us know that feeling somewhere in our bodies: the close call, the near escape, the sigh of relief when you can finally release your held breath. Gratitude in that moment comes easy, and it's honest.

But today's psalm asks a harder question underneath the easy one. Not just whether God was there when the water didn't close over our heads, but whose side we're on the rest of the time? What about on the ordinary days where everything goes according to plan? What about on the horrible days when nothing goes according to plan? Not every story ends with the snare broken. What does it really mean to have God on your side? What does it mean to be on God's side in the big ways and the small ways, day-to-day?

Maybe that's the real question this week. Not is God on my side, but am I on God's?

For reflection:

Where have you thanked God for a close call, but haven't yet asked what it means to be on God's side day-to-day?

What's one small way you could move toward God's side this week?

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.